Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. As the
President of United Way of the Piedmont, covering Spartanburg and Union
Counties in South Carolina, I am aware of the merger's progress and
particularly the developments of the past few days. I believe that this merger
will serve the public interest and greatly benefit customers of the combined
company including those served by our organization.

The commitments that AT&T recently announced for much greater
broadband affordability and availability would be especially beneficial to
citizens in our community that access programs funded by United Way.
Many of the low income and disadvantaged people we serve have not had the
same access to information that broadband services can bring. I can't help
but believe that better access to broadband would bring great benefits to
these individuals.

I understand that AT&T has proposed to the Commission a commitment to
provide its dial access customers a free upgrade to DSL, including a free
modem, for a limited time after the merger closing. I also understand the
company has offered to reduce the price of residential broadband DSL to $10
per month and to deliver broadband to *all* residential units in its combined
territory, including lower-income and rural areas. These commitments will
help drive high-speed broadband usage and help close the digital divide
between rich and poor, urban and rural.

I urge the Commission to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth
promptly so that consumers can benefit as soon as possible from the
broadband provisions this merger offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary